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RE:

In the Matter of the Application of Arizona-American Water Company

Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Enclosed is an original and 14 copies of our **REQUEST TO EXCUSE APPEARANCE OF WITNESS**. Please conform one of the copies, and return it to us in the envelope provided. Thank you for your consideration.

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scheduled to begin on November 14, 2011. The Club's sole concern in the remaining proceedings regarding the possible deconsolidation of the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District is that the Effluent rate set in Commission Decision 72047 not be changed, regardless of whether the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District is deconsolidated. The primary concern at issue in the next phase of hearing – whether the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District should be deconsolidated – is outside the scope of the Club's participation in these proceedings and the Club's testimony did not address this issue.

On September 13, 2011, the Club submitted the Rebuttal Testimony of Desi Howe on behalf of the Club, in support of the positions of DMB White Tank, LLC¹ and Commission Staff² that, whether or not the Commission orders deconsolidation and the adoption of stand-alone rates, the Effluent Rate should remain unchanged. The testimony filed by the Anthem Community Council³ RUCO⁴, and the Company⁵ also supports this position and, to the Club's knowledge, no party has submitted any testimony taking the opposite position.

On this basis, the Club requests that its witness, Desi Howe, be excused from appearance during the November 14, 2011 hearing. Commission Staff and RUCO have agreed that, based on the common position that the Effluent rate should not be changed regardless of whether the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District is deconsolidated, that Mr. Howe need not appear during the hearing. Notwithstanding this request, the Club acknowledges the hearing judge's discretion to require Mr. Howe's attendance and if Mr. Howe's attendance cannot be excused, the Club is willing to make Mr. Howe available telephonically for any questions.

DATED: November 3, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

By:

Bradley J. Herrema

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August 16, 2011 Direct Testimony of David Nilsen, at 3-4.

See, e.g., October 11, 2011 Surrebuttal Testimony of Gerald W. Becker, at 2.

August 16, 2011 Direct Testimony of Dan L. Neidlinger, at 5. See, e.g., August 16, 2011 Direct Testimony of Rodney L. Moore, Schedule RLM-RD1 (a), Page

November 1, 2011 Rejoinder Testimony of Sandra L. Murrey, at 2.

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